

Enrollment Priority Groups

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Priority Group	Definition
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 50% or more disabling Veterans determined by VA to be unemployable due to service-connected conditions
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 30% or 40% disabling
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans who are Former Prisoners of War (POWs) Veterans awarded a Purple Heart medal Veterans whose discharge was for a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 10% or 20% disabling Veterans awarded special eligibility classification under Title 38, U.S.C., Section 1151, "benefits for individuals disabled by treatment or vocational rehabilitation"
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or housebound benefits from VA Veterans who have been determined by VA to be catastrophically disabled
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonservice-connected veterans and noncompensable service-connected veterans rated 0% disabled whose annual income and net worth are below the VA established thresholds Veterans receiving VA pension benefits Veterans eligible for Medicaid programs
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World War I veterans Mexican Border War veterans Compensable 0% service-connected veterans Veterans solely seeking care for disorders associated with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposure to herbicides while serving in Vietnam Exposure to ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing or during the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Service in the Gulf War Illness possibly related to participation in Project 112/SHAD Service in combat in a war after the Gulf War or during a period of hostility after November 11, 1998 are eligible for VA health care for two years following discharge from military service for combat related conditions
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA established threshold and income below the HUD geographic index who agree to pay copays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans who were enrolled in the VA health care system on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date Subpriority c: Nonservice-connected veterans who were enrolled in the VA health care system on a specified date and who have remained enrolled since that date Subpriority e: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans not included in Subpriority a above Subpriority g: Nonservice-connected veterans not included in Subpriority c above
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans with income and/or net worth above the VA established threshold and the HUD geographic index who agree to pay copays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subpriority a: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date Subpriority c: Nonservice-connected veterans enrolled as of January 16, 2003 and who have remained enrolled since that date Subpriority e**: Noncompensable 0% service-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003 Subpriority g**: Nonservice-connected veterans applying for enrollment after January 16, 2003

****Note: Veterans assigned to Priority Groups 8e or 8g are not eligible for enrollment as a result of the enrollment restriction which suspended enrolling new high-income veterans who apply for care after January 16, 2003. Veterans enrolled in Priority Groups 8a or 8c will remain enrolled and eligible for the full-range of VA health care benefits.**